

REMARKS

Claims 1-10, 13-16, and 18-27 are pending in the application upon entry of the instant Amendment. Claims 11, 12, 52, and 53 are canceled herein pursuant to the rejection of those claims over a newly cited reference. The cancellation of claims 11, 12, 52, and 53 is without prejudice to applicants' right to prosecute those claims or amended versions thereof in a subsequently filed divisional application.

The remaining claims are allowable pursuant to an indication made by the Examiner in the Office Action of September 12, 2005. Accordingly, an early Notice passing the application is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that direct contact with applicant's attorney would advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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